



Yorkshire

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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Pipe and Glass Inn (p541)
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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Millgate House (p526)
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Why Go?

With a population as big as Scotland's and an area half the size of Belgium, Yorkshire is almost a country in itself. It has its own flag, its own dialect and its own celebration, Yorkshire Day (1 August). While local folk are proud to be English, they're even prouder to be natives of 'God's Own County'.

What makes Yorkshire so special? First, there's the landscape – with its brooding moors and green dales rolling down to a dramatic coastline, Yorkshire has some of Britain's finest scenery. Second, there's the sheer breadth of history – every facet of the British experience is represented here, from Roman times to the 20th century.

But Yorkshire's greatest appeal lies in its people. Industrious and opinionated, they have a wry wit and shrewd friendliness. Stay here for a while and you'll come away believing, like the locals, that God is indeed a Yorkshirewoman.

When to Go

- ➔ The week-long Jorvik Festival in February sees York taken over by a Viking invasion.
- ➔ Spring brings drifts of yellow daffodils to brighten the roadsides in the Dales and North York Moors; the Three Peaks Race takes place in Horton-in-Ribblesdale.
- ➔ Agriculture is celebrated at the Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate in July. At the same time of year Yorkshire's coastal sea cliffs become a frenzy of nesting seabirds.
- ➔ September is the ideal time for hiking in the Yorkshire Dales; the Walking Festival in Richmond also takes place in this month. York goes all gourmet with its annual 10-day food festival, while Harrogate gets green-fingered during its Autumn Flower Show.

Yorkshire Highlights

- 1 Exploring the medieval streets of **York** (p492) and its awe-inspiring cathedral
- 2 Getting off the beaten track and exploring the lesser-known corners of the **Yorkshire Dales** (p520)
- 3 Wandering among the atmospheric medieval ruins of **Fountains Abbey** (p510)
- 4 Being beside the seaside at **Scarborough** (p506) with its traditional bucket-and-spade atmosphere
- 5 Riding on the **North Yorkshire Moors Railway** (p514), one of England's most scenic train lines
- 6 Sitting on the pier at **Whitby** (p515) and tucking into the world's best fish and chips
- 7 Reliving the story of *Brideshead Revisited* amid the aristocratic splendour of **Castle Howard** (p503)
- 8 Pulling on your hiking boots and tackling the steep paths around scenic **Malham Cove** (p522)
- 9 Discovering mining's dark side at the **National Coal Mining Museum for England** (p533)
- 10 Enjoying the high-tech, hands-on exhibits at **Bradford's National Media Museum** (p533)

